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In re application of: Billings, Christopher, et al.

Application No.: 10/705,304

Art Unit: 2832

Filed: 11/10/2003

Examiner: Kyung S. Lee

For: Cluster Assembly

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed 04/22/2004,  
amendment of this application as set forth below is requested.

**Declaration:**

The Examiner objected to the oath or declaration as filed.  
Submitted herewith is a corrected oath or declaration properly  
reflecting the second through fourth inventors as such, and the  
required fee under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

**REMARKS**

The Patent and Trademark Final Office Action mailed 04/22/2004  
has been carefully considered. The Examiner's objection to the  
declaration is noted.

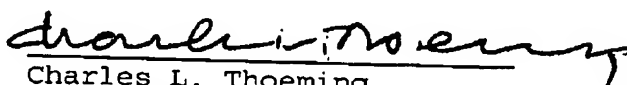
Applicant has amended the declaration as required by the

Examiner.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection as to the declaration is hereby respectfully requested.

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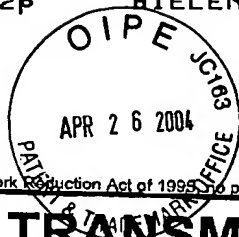
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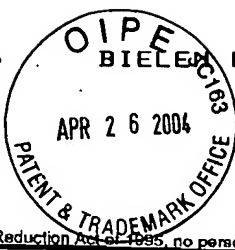
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